

the parties ‘contribute to the court’s understanding of the matter in question’ by proffering timely and useful information.” *Ga. Aquarium, Inc. v. Pritzker*, 135 F. Supp. 3d 1280, 1288 (N.D. Ga. 2015). When exercising their discretion, courts “err on the side of granting leave” because “[i]f an amicus brief that turns out to be unhelpful is filed, the [court], after studying the case, will often be able to make that determination without much trouble and can then simply disregard the amicus brief. On the other hand, if a good brief is rejected, the [court] will be deprived of a resource that might have been of assistance.” *Neonatology Assocs., P.A. v. Comm’r*, 293 F.3d 128, 133 (3d Cir. 2002) (Alito, J.).

Like Tennessee, Amici are concerned about the surge in recent years of children suffering from gender dysphoria and other forms of gender-related psychological distress. And like Tennessee, Amici are concerned because these vulnerable children are suffering greatly and need help. The question is how to help them. Throughout their brief, Plaintiffs assert that gender transition procedures—puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgical interventions—are “widely accepted and endorsed for the treatment of gender dysphoria” by several “well-established medical organizations.” Doc. 41 at 3; *accord* Doc. 33 at 3. The problem is that the evidence does not support this approach—regardless of whatever label Plaintiffs wish to attach. That’s why experts in several European countries and the State of Florida have moved away from those treatments. And that’s why a growing number of States, including some of the proposed Amici, have banned gender-transition procedures when provided to minors. Amici thus write in support of Tennessee’s similar law.

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